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Madrid, Dec. 26.

THe 23 Inſtant arrived here an Expreſs with Advice, that 8000 French were come to *St. Jean de Luz*, and that it was believed their buſineſs was to require ſatisfaction for the Murther which the French alledge was committed by ſome of the Inhabitants of *Fonterabia*, upon ſeveral Fiſhermen of *Andaye*. The King has given the Duke *de Matalone*, *Neopolitan*, the Order of the *Golden Fleece*.

Genoua, Dec. 31. From *Cadiz* we have Advice that fourteen French men of War were arrived there, being bound, as is ſaid, for the *Levant* to joyn the Sieur *du Queſne*, though others think they will rather be employed at this time againſt the *Algerines*: Sir *Robert Robinſon* was newly arrived at *Cadiz* from *Newfoundland*. We are expecting here ten French Gallies from *Marſeilles*. This day our Duke was Crowned with the uſual Solemnity.

Vienna, Jan. 1. Yeſterday their Imperial Majeſties returned hither in good health from *Oedenburg*; the Emperor before he left that place, promiſed the Proteſtants, as we are told, that all their Churches and Lands that have been confiſcated, ſhall be reſtored to them, and that they ſhall have liberty to erect Schools for the Education of their Children, *&c.*

Francfort, Dec. 31. There paſſes not any thing here worth the writing. The Miniſters are indeed frequently together, but it is only to exchange their Powers, *&c.* and to diſpatch ſome other Preliminary Matters. Our Letters from *Vienna* tell us, that the Duke of *Lorrain* was arrived there, and that upon the Emperor's return thither, great Councils of War would be held there, concerning the affairs of *Germany*. The States in ſeveral Circles, are now aſſembled, in order to their taking the neceſſary reſolutions, about raiſing their Quota's of the Army of the Empire.

Francfort, Jan. 12. Count *Lobcowits*, the Imperial Miniſter at the Court of *Bavaria*, ſucceeds very well in his Negotiation; his Electoral Highneſs having as they write from *Munick*, aſſured him, that he will not content himſelf with a Neutrality; but that, whenever there is occaſion, he will employ his Arms for the Defence and ſecurity of the Empire. The Letters add, that Count *Lobcowits* had acquainted the States of the Circle of *Bavaria*, aſſembled at *Waſſembourg*, that his Imperial Majeſty was putting himſelf into the poſture which the preſent Conjuncture demands, and that he doubted not but the Circles would on their part, readily contribute their Quota's to the Army of the Empire. The French in the interim work without any intermiſſion on their Fortifications at *Saar Louis* and *Homburg*, and have made a very large way, for the eaſie paſſage of their Artillery from the *Saar*, as far as *Meiſenheim*; but the overflowing of the *Rhine* does at preſent hinder them in their Works at *Strasbourg*. Their Fortifications at *Huningen* are almoſt finiſhed. From *Hungary* they write, that the Dyet at *Oedenburg* ended the 23 paſt, and that the Reſolutions that had been taken, were to be publiſhed the next day; that among other things, the Emperor had given the Proteſtants leave to build 70 new Churches, and had promiſed the reſtitution of all their Lands that have been confiſcated. The *Swiſſe Cantons* are to meet at *Baden* the 18th Inſtant, to determine ſome difference ariſen between the Proteſtants and the Romaniſts in the Canton of *Glaris*.

Berlin, Jan. 11. The 5th Inſtant Monſieur *Foulkes*, his Electoral Highneſſes Secretary parted from hence for *Copenhagen*, being ſent to the King of *Denmark* upon ſome Affairs that are kept ſecret. The Duke and Dutcheſs of *Hanouer* are expected here the next week, and ſome are of opinion, that the Duke of *Zell* will likewiſe come. To Morrow or next day the Officers of his Electoral Highneſſes Houſhold goe hence to meet them; they are to receive them at *Tangremont* on the *Elbe*, and are to conduct them hither at his Highneſſes Charge; and in the mean time great preparations are making for their Reception here. It is hoped that this Meeting will produce Reſolutions for the good and ſecurity of the Empire. The French are not pleaſed with it. The 8th Inſtant, a Jeſuite of *Duſeldorpe* did make a publick Abjuration of the Roman Catholick Religion, in a Learned Sermon before his Electoral Highneſs, under whoſe Protection he has now put himſelf; he ſeems to be a very ſober Man, and of a very good Life, and has the reputation of being very Learned, and of having been in great eſteem in the Society.

Cologne, Jan. 6. The Deputies of *Liege* had on Saturday laſt another Conference with his Electoral Highneſſes Commiſſioners, in the preſence of the Biſhop of *Strasbourg*, where little elſe paſſed but Complaints and Expoſtulations on both ſides; the Commiſſioners laying before the Deputies, their undutiful carriage towards his Electoral Highneſs; and the Deputies on the other ſide alledging the neceſſity their Principals were under, to act as they have done; and complaining that they have been kept a long while here without any Anſwer to the Propoſitions which they made upon their firſt arrival.

Cologne, Jan. 13. From *Ratisbonne* we have an account, that the Deputy of *Burgundy* had again on the 7th Inſtant, repreſented to the Dyet the condition of the City of *Luxemburg*, and prayed them to take effectual and ſpeedy Reſolutions for its relief. From *Vienna* they write, that the Emperor was returned thither from *Oedenburg*, having confirmed the Reſolutions of the Dyet; but that the Proteſtant States had not all the ſatisfaction they deſire-